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Serial No.: 10/661,035

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For: Thin Film Shape Memory Alloy Microrelay

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

Sir:

Applicant requests correction of the Filing Receipt mailed 6/8/2006 regarding the Domestic Priority data. In particular, the Filing Receipt states that this application is a DIV of 09/821,840 (with a notation that such is not consistent with PTO records). Such data is incomplete because it does not included the provisional application serial no. 60/192,766 filed March 28, 2000 upon which 09/821,840 claimed priority.

Attached as Ex. A is a copy of the first page of the subject application which specify claimed priority of provisional application serial no. 60/192,766 filed March 28, 2000. This was in addition to the claim of priority of 09/821,840 of which this is a divisional - see attached Ex. B which is a copy of the UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL for the subject case which specifically stated the relationship to 09/821,840.

Accordingly, correction of the Filing Receipt as indicated is deemed to be in order and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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THIN FILM SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY ACTUATED MICRORELAY

Cross -Reference to Prior Application

This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of United States provisional application serial no. 60/192,766 filed March 28, 2000.

Statement of Government Rights

This invention was made under contract with an agency of the United States Government: Department of the Air Force, Contract No. F29601-98-C-0049, Phase 2.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates in general to the electrical switching of signals and power in microelectronics circuits.

2. Description of the Related Art

Relays generally use a relatively small electrical current to switch a larger one. Relays usually are operated by electromagnetic solenoids: these are difficult to manufacture in very small size.

Relays are of several kinds. AC, DC, latching and non-latching, multiple or single pole.

Solid state relays exist. In these a voltage controls whether a circuit is conductive or not. These are made as microelectronic components. The disadvantage is that a voltage drop occurs across the component such that it consumes power even when inactive. It works only when electrical voltage is applied.

A relay has two circuits, one that operates the actuator and another that acts as a

Ex. A



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UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

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Title

THIN FILM SHAPE MEMORY

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 18]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the invention
- Brief Summary of the invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ Paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation☒ Divisional☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09/821,840

Prior application information:

Examiner: LINCOLN DONOVAN

Art Unit: 2832

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only; The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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